

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2000
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Linda Steinman
Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization dated January 4, 2000. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 36 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A".

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**BryanLGH Medical Center
Christian Heritage Home
Christian Record Services, Inc.
Martin Luther Homes of Nebraska Inc.
Rosemont Alliance Church**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for BryanLGH Medical Center, Christian Heritage Home, Christian Record Services, Inc., Martin Luther Homes of Nebraska Inc. and Rosemont Alliance Church. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, February 1, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Lincoln Habitat for Humanity.

Norm Avena, County Assessor, explained that the Lincoln Habitat for Humanity property sold in July, 1998, however, the deed was not filed until December, 1999. He stated his office would be adding the property for 1998 and 1999.

By direction of the Chair, a public hearing was set for Tuesday, February 1, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in connection with notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Lincoln Habitat for Humanity.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned.

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- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting dated January 4, 2000. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 11, 2000.

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. The Commissioners Award of Excellence was presented to Rita Dondlinger, an employee with the Corrections Department, for the month of December.
- B. Noxious Weed Control Annual Report - Russ Shultz, Weed Control Superintendent

Russ Shultz, Weed Control Superintendent, disseminated documentation regarding the 1999 Noxious Weed Control Annual Report (Exhibit "A").

Shultz briefly discussed the following topics:

- * Inspection activity in relation to noxious weeds and weed abatement

- * Purple Loosestrife
- * Biological control
- * Noxious weed control plan for the year 2000

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Election of Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Officers pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 23-156.

Heier nominated Kathy Campbell as Chair for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Hudkins seconded the nomination.

Campbell asked if there were any other nominations.

Workman nominated Larry Hudkins as Vice Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Heier seconded the nomination.

Campbell asked if there were other nominations for Vice Chair.

There being no other nominations, Campbell declared the nominations closed.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye.

B. An agreement between the County Engineer and Great Plains Appraisal for appraisal services, in the amount of \$6,650, in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for a project located on Fletcher Avenue, Bridge H-60 to North 148th Street; Project C55-H-409(1). (C-00-29)

Workman asked about the location of the bridge.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval.

Larry Worrell, County Surveyor, stated the bridge is located on Fletcher Avenue between 112th and 120th Streets.

ROLL CALL: Steinman, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

C. An agreement between the County Engineer and Dwight Johnson and Associates for appraisal services, in the amount of \$2,150, in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for a project located on North 162nd Street, Bridge A-171; Project BRO-7055(98). (C-00-28)

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. An interlocal agreement between the City of Waverly, the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and Lancaster County for Ash Hollow drainage improvements. The County will pay 25 percent of the total contract sum, currently estimated at \$8,755.60, not to exceed to \$10,000. (C-00-32)**

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested that the agreement be dropped from the agenda due to a hold harmless clause being omitted. He stated he would bring it back to the County Board for their consideration upon receipt of the agreement containing the hold harmless clause.

In response to a question asked by Steinman, Johnson stated the County is contributing money to the project, however, the County is not included in the design or the construction. The addition of a hold harmless clause should eliminate the problem.

By direction of the Chair, the interlocal agreement with the City of Waverly was dropped from the agenda.

- E. A contract with Midland recycling to provide recycling collection services from County facilities, beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000. Payment by the contractor to the County shall be based on the *Paper Stock Report Index* for dealer buying prices. (C-00-31)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Heier, Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. A grant contract with Centerpointe, Inc. for the operation of a ten slot juvenile Evening Reporting Center for youth, beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000. Centerpointe will be paid quarterly based upon claims submitted to the County, with the grant not to exceed \$200,000. (C-00-34)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Steinman, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. Authorization of the installation of the following traffic signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (R-00-04)**

- * Installation of a "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on Badger Drive in Clarendon Hills east of 70th Street for eastbound traffic
- * Installation of a "Watch for Turning Vehicles" warning sign on Southwest 100th Street south of West Saltillo Road and north of the Spring Creek Prairie drive for southbound traffic

- * **Installation of chevron warning signs at the intersection of Northwest 48th Street and West Davey Road along the north and west side of the curve. Also add "20 mile per hour" warning plates to the existing curve warning signs for the curve, one east of the curve for westbound traffic and one south of the curve for northbound traffic**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-04. On call Workman, Campbell, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. **A resolution in connection with Chief Deputy annual salary increases for the 2000 calendar year, effective January 1, 2000. (R-00-005)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 00-05.

Workman noted a 2.8 percent increase.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. **Request from the Personnel Policy Board regarding revisions to the Personnel Policy Bulletin entitled *Harassment*.**

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, explained that the intent of the proposed amendments are to address issues that the federal courts have been discussing, particularly the inclusion of language regarding the procedure for reporting harassment, the duty to report harassment, confidentiality and a non-retaliation clause.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Campbell, Heier, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- J. **A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Corrections Department by Megan Nicole Dennis, in the amount of \$35, for lost property.**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to accept the Director's recommendation and deny the tort claim filed by Megan Nicole Dennis. On call Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- K. **A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Corrections Department by Robin L. Rush, in the approximate amount of \$300 - \$400, for lost property.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded to accept the Director's recommendation and deny the tort claim filed by Robin L. Rush. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- L. Appointment of Mark Dahmke and reappointment of Susan Holland to the Government Access and Information Committee, terms to expire January 1, 2002.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 5) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

- 1. County Clerk's Monthly Report for December, 1999
- 2. County Engineer's Monthly Reports for October, November and December, 1999
- 3. County Engineer's Monthly Reports for the Geographic Information System (GIS) division for October, November and December, 1999
- 4. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for December, 1999
- 5. Lancaster Manor's Monthly Report
- 6. Records and Information Management's Monthly Report for December, 1999

- B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding County Change of Zone 193, requested by the Director of Planning at the request of the County Board, to amend Articles 13 and 16 of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution to match the new language for off-premise signs to be adopted by the City Council.

- C. Request from Jon B. Osterhaus, an employee with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, regarding early enrollment in the County's retirement plan. (M-00-01)

- D. Renewal of an agreement between Standard Register and the County Assessor's Office for maintenance of an electric signer, beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000, in the amount of \$162.96. (C-00-30)

- E. **Renewal of an agreement between Government Technology Services Inc. and the County Engineer, in the amount of \$6,746, for maintenance on five Sun microcomputers for the Geographic Information System and software upgrades, beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 30, 2000. (C-00-33)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the Consent Items. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mike Morosin, citizen, appeared and presented an update (Exhibit B) related to emergency services and the ambulance contract. He noted there have been many citizens residing within the County who have requested him to speak on their behalf.

Heier asked Morosin if he could provide a list of the individuals who requested him to present the information.

Morosin stated he could obtain a list.

Heier stated he would appreciate it.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. On call Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk